

PEACE THOUGHTS

Pope Francis has, from the start, called for a 'culture of encounter'.
(*The Joy of the Gospel* [Evangelii Gaudium], ¶ 220).

Giving to the poor and even advocating for justice on their behalf are not enough. For, as he also wrote in *The Joy of the Gospel*, ¶ 88:

'... the Gospel tells us constantly to run the risk of a face-to-face encounter with others, with their physical presence which challenges us, with their pain and their pleas, with their joy which infects us in our close and continuous interaction.

True faith in the incarnate Son of God is inseparable from self-giving, from membership in the community, from service, from reconciliation with others.

The Son of God, by becoming flesh, summoned us to the revolution of tenderness.'

We are called to encounter the lowly, to associate with them, because that is what Jesus has done. He became flesh to associate with the poor and the lowly, with those at the margins.

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

MONDAY 8.00pm BBC1: SEX FOR WORK: TRUE COST OF YOUR TEA

Undercover investigation revealing that women working on some British-owned tea plantations are being pressured to have sex with their bosses in return for work.

MONDAY 9.00pm BBC2: PAROLE

Follows the high-stakes world of parole hearings where the futures of prisoners and victims, as well as their families, hang in the balance.

TUESDAY 11.05pm C4: HELP! MY HOME IS DISGUSTING

Investigates the problems faced by tenants in social housing and how, in the private sector, 18 to 34-year-olds pay even more to rent problem properties. As the cost of living crisis deepens, he looks at the toll this is taking on their mental health.

THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: RENT RISES: THE TRUE COST?

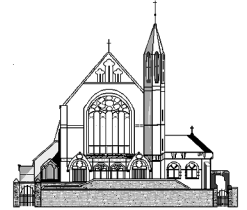
Reports on the reality for British renters as would-be-tenants find it hard to find a place to live with soaring prices and a fiercely competitive market.

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18th-19th February 2023 7th Sunday Year A P.139

MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

Ash Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart

And 7.00pm St Michael

Thursday 7.00pm Michael

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS Matthew 5: 38-48

If we only love those who love us we will become a small group suspicious of other people. Exclusive people usually only trust one way of seeing and doing things. This is dangerous and can become the reason for fear and even hatred of the other.

Jesus' group; church people are called to be aware of this danger. Jesus' teaching is clear and challenging; relate to the wicked. Be generous to the demands made on you. Go the extra mile with anyone, even love your enemy.

Jesus explains the Creature's love; the sun rises on everyone and the benefits of the rain is for all people, no one left out.

How are we getting on with those who are not like us? Are we just like the pagans when we are trusted to be like Our Father?



REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Kathleen McIlwaine, Owen Hughes, Bernadette Walls,
June FitzGerald, Frank Hunt, Michael Brien,
and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

PASTORAL PLAN

Deanery Synodal Council

<http://liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk>

Monday 6th February in St Michael's Meeting room

There was a meeting of Catechists from across the Deanery.

Thursday 16th February in the Cathedral

There was an historical meeting of the Deanery Synodal Council
and The Clergy Deanery Meeting.

The church locally setting up ways of listening and serving.

We are not only to take but to give.

Your experience and skills are how you are to give.

God is there for us. We are used to asking for our needs.

God is calling us, inviting us to join in the work of being there for each other. There are to be lots of opportunities for formation as we are all called to 'leadership'. The structures and relationships in the Archdiocese are all to be realigned so we look outwards to all around us instead of simply looking after ourselves.

THE IRISH CENTRE

Tea, bingo and a chat, 1-3pm on occasional Thursdays.
SEE YOU THERE

ASYLUM LINK MERSEYSIDE

ALM works with destitute Asylum Seekers providing a lifeline through a range of services. What can we do to help? ALM relies on donations of food, clothes and toiletries. Some people host and giving shelter for a night or a weekend. Also you could consider becoming a member, setting up a standing order or giving a one off donation.

Some of these people are part of our own community.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING

Monday 20th February Horne St, 7.30pm

All welcome.

Ash Wednesday Masses

12noon Sacred Heart

7.pm St Michael

PAX CHRISTI ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 22nd Feb ... 11.45pm at St Luke's / Bombed church.

..... Please join us; you are very welcome!

Just after the second anniversary of Nuclear Weapons being made illegal with the passing of Legislation join Pax Christi as we walk through the city for an act of repentance for our personal and national failings. In music prayer and testimony.

Culminating at the Town Hall.

WITH YOU ALWAYS

Next WYA session for families is

TUESDAY, February 28th, 5.30pm at The Irish Centre.

Children's Mass: Sat 18th March, 6:30pm at Sacred Heart.

Sunday 19th March, 10:30am at St Michaels.

DEANERY JUSTICE AND PEACE MEETING

Wednesday, 8th March, 5.30pm

in St. Michael's, Horne St.

Please join us; you are very welcome!

EMMAUS GROUP

'God for Grownups.'

An hour for adults to look at our faith for our own time. A chance for conversations about our life in the light of the gospels. Interested?
Sundays **5th & 12th March, 26th April '2023 4.00pm**
One of our parishioners is to be received into Catholicism this Easter. Do keep them in your prayers. They will be presented to the Bishop at the Cathedral at the beginning of Lent.